

appropriate certificate of training, and present the certificate to the OCMI.

(e) An applicant who possesses a Radar-Observer endorsement, resides in a remote geographic area, and can substantiate to the satisfaction of the OCMI that the applicant's absence will disrupt normal movement of commerce, or that the applicant cannot attend an approved Radar-Observer renewal course, may have his or her endorsement renewed upon successful completion of an examination administered by the Coast Guard, or by a third party acceptable to the Coast Guard.

(f) Except as provided by paragraph (k) of this section, a Radar-Observer endorsement issued under this section is valid for 5 years after the month of issuance of the certificate of training from a course approved by the Coast Guard. It is not terminated by the issuance of a new license during these 5 years.

(g) The month and year of the expiration of the Radar-Observer endorsement are printed on the license.

(h) A Radar-Observer endorsement may be renewed at any time.

(i) An applicant for renewal of a license that does not need a Radar-Observer endorsement may renew the license without meeting the requirements for the endorsement.

(j) An applicant seeking to raise the grade of a license or increase its scope, where the increased grade or scope requires a Radar-Observer certificate, may use an expired certificate to fulfill that requirement.

(k) The renewal date of a Radar-Observer endorsement may be extended beyond the normal 5-year duration to coincide with the renewal date of the license to which it pertains. This extension may not exceed 2 years and will be necessary only once, to synchronize the two renewal dates.

[CGD 94-041, 62 FR 11305, Mar. 11, 1997]

§ 10.482 Assistance towing.

(a) This section contains the requirements to qualify for an endorsement authorizing an individual to engage in assistance towing. The endorsement is applicable to all licenses except operator of uninspected towing vessels and master or mate licenses authorizing service on inspected vessels over 200

gross tons. Holders of these licenses are authorized to engage in assistance towing without endorsement on any vessel within the scope of the license.

(b) An applicant for an assistance towing endorsement shall pass a written examination demonstrating his or her knowledge of assistance towing safety, equipment, and procedures.

(c) An assistance towing endorsement on a license as master, mate, or operator authorizes the holder to engage in assistance towing on any vessel within the scope of the license.

(d) The period of validity of the endorsement is the same as the license on which it is endorsed, and it may be renewed with the license.

[CGD 87-017, 53 FR 18562, May 24, 1988]

§ 10.491 Licenses for service on offshore supply vessels.

Each license for service on offshore supply vessels (OSVs) authorizes service on OSVs as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101(19) and as interpreted under 46 U.S.C. 14104(b), subject to any restrictions placed on the license.

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34532, June 26, 1997]

§ 10.493 Master (OSV).

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for a license as Master (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation II/2.

(b) The OCMI may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation II/2 that the OCMI determines to be inappropriate or unnecessary for service on an OSV, or that the applicant meets under the equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34532, June 26, 1997]

§ 10.495 Chief Mate (OSV).

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for a license as Chief Mate (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation II/2.

(b) The OCMI may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation II/2 that the OCMI determines to be inappropriate